relief expenditure by States affected by natural calamities and suggest such modifications as it considers appropriate in the existing arrangements for the period 1989-90 to 1994-95. However, so far as the current year is concerned, Planning Commission and Department of Rural Development examined the matter relating to relaxation of guidelines under N.R.E.P. and R.L.E.G.F. so that more funds may be made available for taking up additional schemes in the flood affected areas of the States of Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir considering severity of floods.

Foreign exchange expenses by Indian Express on Medical Treatment of Shrimati Ganeriwal

2459. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a sum of Rs. 6,81,312 and Rs. 1,28,292.00 were debited to M/s. Indian Express (M) Private Limited, Madras, towards foreign exchange and air ticket as medical expenses of Shrimati Ganeriwal who met with a car accident on 10th March, 1985;

(b) if so, what is the legitimacy of these expenses;

(c) whether the company has taken insurance claim amount and credited it to the Company; and

(d) what are the details of these expenses and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Article captioned "Goonka's forearm funds"

2460 SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article published in Blitz of the 12th September, 1987 under the heading "Goenka's foreign funds" to the effect that the Chairman of Indian Express Group of Papers had arranged a Swiss Bank guarantee for £.3,45,000 in favour of Linotype of London which represents 15 per cent of the contract price:

(b) if so, whether any Indian residing in India is permitted to obtain guarantee for his business from a foreign bank abroad;

(c) whether it is a fact that no Swiss Bank could give a guarantee unless the man concerned is its client; and

(d) if so, whether Shri R. N. Goenka has any Swiss Bank account or made any FERA violation and what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALBIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Enforcement Directorate has initiated investigations in respect of the reported arrangements of Swiss bank guarantee by Indian Express Group of Papers in favour of Linotype of London.

Filling of income tax returns by Chairman, Indian Express Group

2461. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVTYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Uhstarred Question 2354